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**REVOLUTIONARY PENSION DECLARATIONS.**

FROM THE RECORDS OF PITTSYLVANIA CO., VA.

(Contributed by Mrs. N. E. Clement, Chatham, Va.)

JOSEPH SMITH.

State of Va., Pittsylvania County.

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1832, Personally appeared in open court before Stephen Colman, Thom. Shelton, Jno. D. Adams, & Wm. M. Williams, the court of Pitts. now sitting, Joseph Smith a resident of the County of Pitts. & state aforesaid, aged sixty-nine years, who on his oath made the following declaration.

That he entered the service of the United States early in the month of January 1781 as a Substitute for Harmon Miller and marched from the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia in a Company of drafted Militia which was Commanded by Capt. Charles Wall and Lieut. Bates & Ensign Daniel Wilson. Crossed Staunton River at Bibbs Ferry & went thro' the Counties of Charlotte, Lunenburg, Notoway and Dinwiddie by the Long Ordinary and thro' the Town of Petersburg to Cabin Point on the James River, there joined the Regiment under the Command of Major Pennell & Col: Holcombe & was stationed at that place about 6 weeks then marched down the country & joined Genl. Mulenburg's Brigade near Portsmouth, Va. & remained with him until his term of service, being three months, expired. He was discharged by Ensign Wilson about the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 1781, that his discharge is lost & cannot be found & that he does not know a person living that served with him but has been proved by Capt. John Walters who lived a close neighbor to him.

Soon after he returned home from the above described tour he again entered the service of the U. S. as a substitute for his

Father, James Smith & marched from the said County of Halifax sometime in the month of April 1781, in a Company of drafted Militia which was Commanded by Capt. William Clark to Point of fork on James River at that place He joined the Regiment Commanded by Col. Tucker in Genl. Lawson's Brigade & continued under the Said Officers marching in Various directions until he arrived at Morben Hills below Richmond & remained at that place until his term of service expired, being upwards of three months he was discharged at that place by Colo. Priddy the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 1781. That Identical discharge is now in his possession & herewith presented to the Court.

He was born in the State of Maryland he supposes in the year 1763, has no record of his age. He lived in the County of Halifax, State of Va. when he entered the service of the United States. He lived in the County of Halifax five years after the War ended, then moved to the County of Pittsylvania, Virginia & has lived in this County ever since. Sworn to & subscribed this day & year aforesaid.

JOSEPH SMITH.

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